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: Group Art Unit: 2186
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: Filed: February 9, 2004)
: For: DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING)
SYSTEM, AND ITS CONTROL)
METHOD) December 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of those documents are also enclosed.

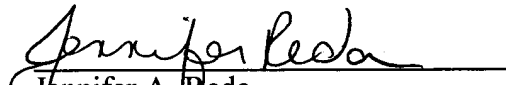
Also enclosed is an original and an English translation of an Office Action report dated November 7, 2005, issued in a counterpart application, citing the listed documents. This Office Action was the first time the cited documents were cited in any foreign counterpart application.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Nos. 07-271699, 11-232234, 07-044477, and 10-154078, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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